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Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



Chairman Powell:

In light of the recent ruling by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals overturning the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules on media ownership, we are writing to urge you to change direction on media ownership limits. The FCC should accept the Court's ruling and not pursue further appeals. Instead the FCC should begin working on rules that prevent further concentration of the media. The FCC's attempts to relax media ownership rules met strong opposition in Congress, at public hearings around the country, and in public opinion polls, giving birth to a remarkable grass roots movement. The public feels that the media is already too concentrated and further mergers would be detrimental to democratic discourse in America because it limits the diversity of sources of information.

Sincerely,

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